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Around the Dials

Set Spec on Communism

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A "major" special exploring the nature, background and meaning of Communism will be televised by NBC early next season. The program is to be aimed primarily at the nation's youth.

Plans for the telecast were outlined by NBC President Robert Kintner in a speech prepared for



Stanley Holloway



Elizabeth Seal

delivery last night in Washington at a Veterans of Foreign Wars dinner. He was to receive a VFW award for "outstanding achievements in the field of news and public affairs programming."

"We are actively exploring the possibility of a whole group of additional major programs dealing with the problem of Communism and its challenge to the free world," Kintner said.

"It is somewhat startling," Kintner added, "to consider that young men of 18 who are now entering our armed forces were only 6 years old when the Communists invaded South Korea. We believe it is important that they have a real understanding of the nature and meaning of the threat against which the nation is asking them to stake their lives."

'Update' Crew's Job

The telecast will be put together by the production team responsible for "Update," the news program aimed at school children.

According to news and public affairs V.P. Julian Goodman, the program will be seen during an early evening time period in September or October. Said Goodman: "It will cover everything from Marx and Engels to where the latest body has been moved in the Kremlin." "Update" host Robert Abernethy will be the on-camera narrator.

Findings by Louis Harris Associates, Inc., commissioned by N.C. to research public attitudes toward Communism, will be included in the program, Goodman said.

"Our Man Higgins," a half-hour comedy series starring British performer Stanley Holloway as a butler, has been purchased by ABC-TV for next season. Audrey Totter and Frank Maxwell co-star. . . . CBS-TV, which together with NBC-TV presents "A Tour of the White House With Mrs. John F. Kennedy" next Wednesday at 10 P. M., will repeat the program Sunday, March 25, at 4 P. M. so that youngsters and others who miss the first screening will be able to see it. . . . Allen Dulles, former head of the Central Intel-

ligence Agency, will be among the guests discussing "Russia and Red China" on Eleanor Roosevelt's "Prospects of Mankind" next Sunday at 8 P. M. on Channel 5.

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